

X A Preliminary Amendment is below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application as follows:

Page 1, before the first sentence, please insert:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

H 1
This application is divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/521,700, filed March 9, 2000, which in turn is a Divisional of application serial no. 08/594,164, filed January 31, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,090,625.--

In the blank line at page 1, line 2, please insert the following:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

In the blank line at page 1, line 17, please insert the following:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the blank line at page 6, line 17, please insert the following:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 6 at the end of line 29, please delete the second occurrence of "provided a".

H 2
On page 12, line 27, after the period (".") please add "As used herein, the acronym "CFC" refers to colony forming cells.--

On page 18, after line 5, please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES--.

On page 38, line 21, please delete "PICTUES" and substitute therefor --PICTURES--.

H 3
On page 38, line 26, after "B cells" please insert the words --stained with Wright's Stain.--

A 4
On page 39, line 4, after "B cells" please insert --stained with Wright's Stain.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, please cancel claims 1 to 46 and substitute therefor the following claims: